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**Jack Seville**, recently retired to Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, TN, has been honored by the seminary of which he is an alum. Lancaster Theological Seminary has recognized Jack by granting him the Robert Moss Award for his life time of distinguished service to the United Church of Christ. Jack, who began serving in ministry in Pennsylvania. He later went on to serve for many years as the conference minister of Northern Plains Conference, then later served as interim conference ministry in settings across the region, and ended his service as an interim associate conference ministrer in the St. Louis Association of the Missouri-Mid South Conference. Jack is quite touched by this decision. He will receive the award on May 18, his 74th birthday and 48th anniversary of his graduation from seminary, at Lancaster Theological Seminary during the annual alumni/ae luncheon. Congratulations to Jack and his wife Fanny for a faith and long ministry.

April 15—19 the national leadership and staff, and the conference ministers of the UCC gathered at Chicago Theological Seminary for an annual consultation. The Southeast Conference was honored that Dr. Kenneth Samuel, pastor of **Victory for the World UCC**, Stone Mountain, GA was the featured preacher for the event. With eloquence and inspiration he called on us to be a people of justice in a troubled nation.

**Sankofa United Church of Christ**, Atlanta, GA celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary starting with their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast on April 14<sup>th</sup> where Dr. Timothy Downs brought words of thanks and appreciation to the congregation and their pastor, Rev. Derrick Rice. The celebration ended with the Anniversary Worship Service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> where the guest preacher was Rev. Timothy McDonald. The theme for this monumental occasion was "New Beginnings!" Sankofa began as a new church start in the Southeast Conference in 2004.

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